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SUBJECT: GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS - PANSA PROPOSAL
FOR OEG MEETING

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1. MISSION SHOULD EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND
SUPPORT TO PANSA FOR HIS EFFORTS (REFTEL) IN THANKLESS
TASK OF ATTEMPTING TO FIND COMPROMISE PROCEDURAL SOLUTION

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ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS. YOU SHOULD TELL
HIM THAT WE HAVE RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDED THAT FURTHER
OEG DELIBERATIONS SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER AUGUST
HOLIDAY WHEN WE HOPE STABLE GOVERNMENT IN ANKARA WILL BE
IN PLACE.

2. YOU SHOULD STRESS TO PANSA THAT THIS DECISION DOES NOT

REFLECT LACK OF CONCERN ABOUT THE SLOW PACE OF THE
GREECE-NATO DISCUSSIONS; WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE
TO PROGRESS IN RETURNING GREECE TO FULL PARTICIPATION IN
THE NATO MILITARY STRUCTURE. RATHER DECISION REFLECTS
OUR CONSIDERED JUDGEMENT THAT TURKS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO

MOVE FROM THEIR PRESENT RIGID POSTURE ON GREECE-NATO
MATTERS UNTIL THEY HAVE A GOVERNMENT IN PLACE IN ANKARA.
ATTEMPTING ANOTHER OEG MEETING UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES
WOULD NOT DO ANY GOOD AND MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.
YOU SHOULD SAY THAT WE INTEND TO PRESS FORWARD STRONGLY
IN EARLY SEPTEMBER IN THE OEG WHEN WE BELIEVE THE
TIMING WILL BE MORE PROPITIOUS FOR BREAKING OUT OF THE
CURRENT PROCEDURAL LOGJAM.

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